



Kim Bedford: Training for Local Councils

BAYSTON HILL PARISH COUNCIL – IDEAS

At our meeting together on the 12th of October 2022 with Councillors currently on the Baystonhill Parish Council, the Clerk and Deputy Clerk we commenced by gathering together all of the ideas under certain headings related to the parish, its future and current situation.

These are listed on the following sheets as a record and in no particular order. Items in Blue were selected as possible priority issues which the PC will consider in setting their budget for 2023 / 2024. Please see the second document for summary / report based upon these selected issues.

Both documents are to be shared with the Council and the selected items distilled into an action plan for the next financial year. This will need to be approved by the full Council.

All items need to be costed, including the cost to the organisation (Council) and any additional resources – short term or long term, in order for the action plan to happen and be sustained.

The Council budget for 2023 / 2024 will consist of the agreed items on the action plan, ongoing matters and day to day costs. The Council will need to ensure the Precept request is fully understood for the Action Plan to be delivered. At the same time, it is very important for the Council to ensure the Community are aware of the Action Plan, the cost to them, opportunities to Volunteer to help its fruition and of course the successful completion the projects.

It is very important for both the Council and Community to recognise the role the Parish Council and its achievements in order to strengthen this relationship.

This process is cyclical;- Community meetings and engagement / PC to review progress and set the future 'road map' based upon this review. Test ideas for support / cost the plan, set the Budget in order to agree the Precept. Deliver the plan and communicate throughout with your community.

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Ideas for the community on;-Transport, Footpaths, 'Green Corridors' Health,

Community transport / bus service / timetable

Dial a ride to Wellbeing Hub – Is transport needed when booking an appt?

Improve speed management – speed signs/ '20 is plenty', engineering solutions

More / better exercise equipment

Make the Sports hall multi- purpose

Parr's Pool - Create a sensory garden and wildflower meadow and Wildlife pond

The Queens canopy – plant more trees

Lyth Hill – Organise a talk / finger information boards / species photos

Maintain Green Spaces for Community Events

Car sharing?

Electric charge points

Cycling – Safely. Encourage more cycling – electric bikes- hiring

Footpaths – improve access to Lyth Hill also for prams and pushchairs

Organise walks around the village –with drink / meal afterwards

A warm refuge at the Memorial Hall / Church

Also battery bank for solar

The Council as an Organisation needs;-

Revive the Parish Plan and Review
Surveys in the Villager mag and use Social media

Conduct a skills audit > relevant CPD and training needs

Create a plan to increase facilities usage to increase revenue
Community VFM

Have a Communication Plan

Fill vacant Council Seats

Work with other organisations / networking – Create a list of possibilities
both within the village and externally

Improve storage both for equipment, workshop and garaging

Improve Office facilities /BHPC Hub – more central to the village

Better website

Have access to a grants application specialist

Be more prominent in the Community

Assess IT skills and improve

More advertising for events – Use a community Info Board near Spar to
promote events and Council activities – dynamically

Take on (Zap) coffee shop once current lease ceases – (Parish Office?)

What do these groups need? Who could you work with?

5yrs – 18yrs

Youth consultation group / Bored Youth.
Teens – better public transport
Younger ages – affordable / free sports and other activities
Work with schools
Encourage engagement with Climate Change
Clubs for girls – dance, gymnastics, yoga.....
Create meeting spaces
Scouts / Guides help resolve issues with leaders / fundraising
Comprehensive survey of what they want!

18yrs – 30yrs

Music events – in pubs, up top pitch
Christmas / Summer Fair – stalls together
Encourage engagement with Climate Change

Working

Evening activities – (language classes etc)
Access to health facilities / GP surgeries
Restaurants / cafes/ takeaways

Retired

Community groups; Knit and natter, Men in Sheds, walking for health, health information
Work with Churches
Work with the Village Hall / Village Association
Easier access to health facilities
Energise / panto
Coffee in the Lounge

OVERALL – Offer bigger grants to groups.....

Working with surrounding villages – What can you share? Anything?

What events would you hold for your village?

Lyth Hill and Longden 10k

Encourage Volunteering

Beacon Lighting

Library – Condover / Shreswbury

Youth services

Develop warm hubs

Youth clubs – joint bids for funding

Summer activities – see HAF

Enter 'Britain in Bloom' work with Shrewsbury Nursery

EVENTS

Jubilee Parade / Coronation event

Jubilation / Jingleation / Christmas tree

Xmas Party

Remembrance

Big Green Week

Fireworks night

Easter Parade

Summer Fair / Circus

How to 'Enhance' the current Sports areas? Are different activities needed for different groups? How would you provide / support this?

Visual image of 'what's available' in the BH – Parish amenities

With associated signage

Improve the surface of Pavilion car park – also extend

Improve the Pavilion – needs changing rooms

New community meeting room

Consider request for Boules pitch

Cricket and Rounders nets

More benches and picnic tables

Sports hall

Create a Community Hub

Improve access to DDA Play equipment / drainage / Path and a toilet

Auto mated access / freer access = security measures

A community café / bar

Improved location signage

The gates / fencing / containers are 'uninviting'

Car park improved / more defined and tidied up!

Invite other sports groups to use facilities – widen catchment - (tennis Association)

Cost neutral activities for kids in holidays

Complete a building appraisal and feasibility study before action agreed

What does Carbon Neutral mean? What do you want to do? How do we make Bayston Hill sustainable?

Electric vehicle charging

Storage batteries for solar panels

All street lights to convert to LED

Insulate houses/ use infrared cameras to show heat loss

Smart meters

Keep and manage green spaces

Green energy supplier

Community purchase of renewable energy – shared?

(solar thermal, air source heat pumps, solar panels)

What can the Quarry do to encourage a renewable approach / installations for the village?

Grants for cavity wall insulation

Tree planting

Wild flower areas

Walking bus

Encourage local farms to have anaerobic digesters for energy

Change transport habits – bikes, busses, electric bike hire

Community repair shop – (men in sheds)

‘Turn the tap off’ promotion

Use of passive lighting

Water conservation –eco showers, loo cistern, water butts, hose pipe use

Residential drives not being tarmac – drainage

Reduced paper use

IT sessions for users in the community

Better communication and promotion of activities. IE; website, social media village magazine, and info board